

**Nearly \$125 Million delivered to rural Nebraska in Fiscal Year (FY) 2004 by USDA Rural Development.**

Community Facilities Direct Loans	\$10,197,600
Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan	\$90,000
Community Facilities Grants	\$350,350
Rural Community Development Initiative Grant	\$152,195
Economic Impact Initiative Administrative Funds	\$243,520
Economic Impact Initiative Grants	\$174,300
Rural Home-Based Coop Health Care Grant	\$50,000
Direct Home Ownership Loans	\$9,013,119
Guaranteed Home Ownership Loans	\$37,525,886
Rural Home Repair Loans	\$365,353
Rural Home Repair Grants	\$351,014
Self Help Predevelopment Grant	\$10,000
Housing Preservation Grant	\$50,000
Direct Rural Rental Housing Loans/Grant	\$518,352
Rural Rental Assistance	\$6,329,453
Water and Environmental Loans	\$9,345,800
Water and Environmental Grants	\$5,769,975
Predevelopment Planning Grants	\$10,500
Technical Assistance Training Grant	\$103,000
Telemedicine Grant	\$284,766
Rural Electrification Guaranteed Loan	\$3,100,000
Rural Electrification Treasury Rate Loan	\$6,223,000
Rural Electrification Hardship Loan	\$4,000,000
Rural Electrification Municipal Rate Loan	\$2,112,000
Business and Industry Loan Guarantees	\$21,520,900
Rural Business Opportunity Grants	\$94,000
Rural Business Enterprise Grants	\$760,002
Rural Economic Development Loan	\$450,000
Intermediary Relending Loan Program	\$1,150,000
Rural Cooperative Development Grant	\$299,958
Value-Added Agricultural Product Market Development Grants	\$3,739,638
Energy Efficiency Improvement Grants	\$141,207
Renewable Energy Systems Grants	\$40,742
Nebraska Rural Development Commission	\$72,000
<b>FY04 RURAL NEBRASKA INVESTMENT</b>	<b>\$124,638,630</b>

**LEVERAGING** federal, state and local dollars allowed for a greater number of rural Nebraska residents and communities to be served.

USDA Rural Development is an Equal Opportunity Lender, Provider and Employer. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to USDA, Director, OCR, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410.

**Jim Barr, State Director  
USDA Rural Development  
Rm. 152 Federal Building  
100 Centennial Mall North  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-3888**



Committed to the future of rural communities.

**2004 NEBRASKA ANNUAL REPORT**

**THE \$125 MILLION  
RURAL NEBRASKA  
INVESTMENT**



**JIM BARR  
NEBRASKA STATE DIRECTOR**

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
[www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne)  
(402) 437-5551**

**DIRECT AND GUARANTEED COMMUNITY FACILITIES LOANS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANTS** construct, enlarge, extend or otherwise improve community facilities that provide essential services and purchase needed equipment in rural areas. \*\$10.2M direct loans, \$90K guaranteed loan, & \$350K in grants provided 19 essential community facilities serving over 97,000 rural households, creating 11 & saving 198 rural jobs.

**RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE** provides grants to qualified intermediary organizations for financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development. \*\$152K to provide coordinated/comprehensive community development planning/project development & enhanced technology benefiting 3,497 rural residents.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT INITIATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS** provide for feasibility studies, environmental reviews and architectural and engineering studies in conjunction with present or potential community facilities projects. \*\$244K helped 14 communities via feasibility studies for fire halls, community centers, a police station, senior center & auditorium.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT INITIATIVE GRANTS** develop essential community facilities in rural communities with extreme high unemployment & severe economic depression. \*\$174K purchased fire truck benefiting 768 rural residents.

**RURAL COOPERATIVE HOME-BASED HEALTH CARE GRANTS** develop and establish home-based health care cooperatives through predevelopment and revolving loan grants. \*\$50K to assist with mental health & substance abuse coop serving 11 counties.

**DIRECT HOME OWNERSHIP LOANS** assist very-low and low-income rural residents to purchase, construct, repair or rehabilitate, or relocate a single family home. **GUARANTEED HOME OWNERSHIP LOANS** guarantee loans originated by local approved lenders to eligible moderate to low-income residents for purchase/repair or construction of a single family rural dwelling. \*\$46.5M assisted 705 households to become rural homeowners.

**RURAL HOME REPAIR LOANS AND GRANTS** provide financing for necessary repairs to rural owner-occupied homes of very-low income homeowners. \*\$766K assisted 149 rural homeowners make essential home repairs.

**SELF-HELP PREDEVELOPMENT GRANTS** support local qualified entities in the development of self-help housing applications including finalizing home plans, searing lots and qualifying families for Mutual Self-Help Housing loans. \*\$10K to assist in finalization of application and development of first stage for Self-Help Housing program.

**DIRECT RURAL RENTAL HOUSING LOANS** provide financing to eligible applicants and entities for construction of economically designed and constructed rural rental housing and for repairs/rehab to existing rural rental housing. \*\$345K loan constructed an 11 unit complex. \$103K equity loan and \$20K equity grant transferred the ownership of 2 complexes for continuation of 14 units. \$50K loan repaired 6 units.

**RURAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE** provides rent subsidies to individual residents of USDA Rural Development financed multi-family housing complexes ensuring that very low and low-income residents have affordable rent payments. \*\$6.3M assisted 2,382 tenants.

**WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL LOANS AND GRANTS** develop and repair drinking water and sanitary sewer systems, including solid waste disposal and storm drainage in rural areas. \*\$9.3M loans and \$5.8M grants provided 9 water & 7 sewer projects helping 17 rural communities & over 18,000 rural residents.

**PREDEVELOPMENT PLANNING GRANTS** help pay costs associated with developing applications for proposed water or wastewater projects. \*11K assisted in preliminary engineering reports to locate water source for regional water system to serve approximately 1,000 rural residents.

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TRAINING GRANTS** assist rural associations with water & waste disposal facility problems via identified/evaluated solutions, improved operation & maintenance and application preparation assistance. \*103K to provide technical assistance & research regional water & wastewater disposal options for 33 communities.

**DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE GRANTS** allow for technology equipment and facilities that provide rural schools, libraries, hospitals and medical clinics with distance learning and/or telemedicine capabilities. \*\$285K to expand & enhance medical services benefiting over 187,000 individuals in 28 counties.

**RURAL ELECTRIFICATION LOANS** provide leadership and capital to upgrade, expand, maintain and replace rural electric infrastructure. \*\$15.4M built distribution & transmission lines serving 1,080 new customers & provided system improvements.

**BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY GUARANTEED LOANS** guarantee commercial loans for business and industrial development to create and maintain employment, expand, and to improve economic climate. \*\$21.5M assisted 9 businesses, creating 107 & saving 158 rural jobs, via business acquisitions, expansion and renovations, new ventures, and securing of more favorable rates and terms.

**RURAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY GRANTS** provide for economic development planning, technical assistance and training in rural areas. \*\$94K to assist with 2 projects creating 33 & saving 1 rural job.

**RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANTS** facilitate and finance the development of small and emerging private business enterprises in rural areas. \*\$760K assisted 12 projects creating 62 & saving 228 rural jobs.

**RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS** provide for a wide range of rural economic development and job creation projects that improve the economic condition of rural areas. \*\$450K renovated and expanded a rural county hospital creating 10 & saving 80 rural jobs.

**INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM** provides loans to intermediaries who make loans to ultimate recipients for business facilities and community development projects. \*1.2M established 3 revolving loan funds serving 29 counties and creating 7 & saving 277 rural jobs.

**RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS** establish and operate centers for rural technology or cooperative development to assist with cooperative start-up, expansion, and operations. \*\$300K will provide cooperative development technical assistance.

**VALUE-ADDED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS** help producers expand product/commodity customer base resulting in greater portion of revenues from value-added activity being available to the producer. \*\$3.7M assisted 18 producer groups in agricultural ventures creating 29 & saving 2 rural jobs.

**RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS** are provided to farmers, ranchers and rural small businesses to purchase renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements. \*\$182K provided for 2 renewable energy & 12 energy efficiency improvement projects.

**NEBRASKA RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
\*72K provided to assist the Commission.

\*FY04 \$124,638,630 RURAL NEBRASKA INVESTMENT

**NEBRASKA USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORY**

**State Office** 402-437-5551

Rm.308 Federal Bldg 100 Centennial Mall North

Mailing Address: Rm. 152 Federal Bldg 100 Centennial Mall North

Lincoln, NE 68508

**Kearney Area Office** 308-237-3118

4009 North 6th Ave PO Box 730 Kearney, NE 68848-0730

**North Platte Local Office** 308-534-2360

1202 S. Cottonwood North Platte, NE 69101 or PO Box 2009 69103

**McCook Satellite Office** 308-345-4163

1400 W. 5th Street Suite 4 McCook, NE 69001

**Scottsbluff Local Office** 308-632-2195

818 Ferdinand Plaza Suite B Scottsbluff, NE 69361-4401

**Chadron Satellite Office** 308-432-4616

1020 West 6th Chadron, NE 69337-2909

**Sidney Satellite Office** 308-254-4507

2244 Jackson Box 179 Sidney, NE 69162-0179

**Lincoln Area Office** 402-423-9683

6030 S. 58th St. Suite B Lincoln, NE 68516

**Beatrice Local Office** 402-223-3125

201 N. 25 Street Beatrice, NE 68310

**Hastings Satellite Office** 402-463-6771

2727 West 2nd Street Suite 108 Hastings, NE 68901-4608

**Norfolk Area Office** 402-371-5350

1909 Vicki Lane Suite 103 Norfolk, NE 68701

**Omaha Office** 402-896-0121

8901 South 154th Street Suite 2 Omaha, NE 68138-3621

**Bloomfield Satellite Office** 402-373-4914

111 N. Washington St. Bloomfield, NE 68718

**Wayne Office** 402-375-2453

709 Providence Rd. PO Box 218 Wayne, NE 68787

**Ainsworth Local Office** 402-387-2242

731 E. 4th Ainsworth, NE 69210

**O'Neill Office** 402-336-3796

107-B E. Hwy. 20 PO Box 630 O'Neill, NE 68763

**Columbus Local Office** 402-564-0506

3276 53rd Avenue Columbus, NE 68601

**Fremont Satellite Office** 402-721-8455

2450 North County Road 20th Avenue Fremont, NE 68025-8051